

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OPEN
SPACE PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE**

MINUTES

of the

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I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District Number One was called to order by the Chair, Melvin J. Remba, at 8:23 p.m. on February 22, 2006 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Melvin J. Remba, Chair; Pam Cooke; Ginny Kruger; Beth Dymond; Ruth Weiss; Orrin Feldman and Joan Luchs. Quorum was present. The following members were absent: Roberta Cummings, Vice Chair; Cassandra Barrere; Art Pollyea and Karen Brooks.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel and Angie McWhirter, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of minutes from meeting of August 10, 2005.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Luchs and Mr. Feldman.

On motion of Ms. Dymond, duly seconded, minutes from the meeting of August 10, 2005 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dymond, Ms. Kruger and Ms. Weiss. Those opposed were Mr. Feldman and Ms. Luchs.

IV. Chairperson's Report.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Luchs, Ms. Dymond and Mr. Feldman.

V. Reports from staff.

The Citizen's Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and an update on these areas, also an update on what areas have been cleared of brush. Discussion followed.

(a) Updates on Area A acquisitions;

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(b) Updates on Area B acquisitions;

(c) Updates on Area C acquisitions;

(d) Updates on Area D acquisitions;

(e) Updates on Area E acquisitions:

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

None.

VII. Discussion and designation of independent auditor for District revenue and expenditures.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Staff Council.

On motion of Ms. Kruger, duly seconded, designation of an independent auditor for District revenue and expenditures was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, and Ms. Luchs.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APNs 2274-010-003, 2274-020-031, 2274-020-032, 2274-020-033, in Acquisition Area A (Sherman Oaks) to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire both those said properties and APNs 2278-008-004 and 2277-018-005 are thereby consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.**

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Ms. Kruger, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-01 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Weiss, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman and Ms. Luchs,

- IX. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APNs 4371-017-018, 4371-027-004, 4371-027-013, 4379-012-007, 4380-016-016, 4380-017-050, 4380-017-054, 4380-017-062, 4380-018-017, 4380-031-018, 4371-039-009, 4379-021-023, 4379-023-022, 4380-017-031, 4380-021-008 and 4380-032-003 (Beverly Glen) 4383-007-028, 4383-026-010, 4384-011-004 (Benedict Canyon) in Acquisition Area B to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire both those said properties and APN 4371-032-025 (Beverly Glen) are thereby consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.**

On motion of Ms. Weiss, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-02 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman and Ms. Luchs.

- X. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) add APNs 2428-026-034, 2429-026-001, and 2428-028-034 in Acquisition Area C (Cahuenga Pass) APNs 5567-028-017 and 5556-015-015 in Acquisition Area D (Laurel Canyon) to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that**

the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire both those said properties and APN 5565-027-040 in Acquisition Area D APNs; 5580-018-004 and 5585-003-030 in Acquisition Area E (Beachwood Canyon) are thereby consistent with the criteria and requirements established in said amended report.

On motion of Ms. Dymond, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-02 was approved. The motion was approved by the Chair, Ms. Cooke, Ms. Kruger, Ms. Weiss, Mr. Feldman and Ms. Luchs.

XI. Discussion and direction to staff on future acquisitions in District No. 1.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

An update on the North slop of Mantelon <((??)) was given by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

XII. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

The Chair questioned the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning on the status of Harlson's Court/Nichols Canyon.

Ms. Dymond questioned the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning on Viole's Property. Discussion followed.

Recommendations were made to the staff, concerning receiving the minutes at least two weeks prior to a meeting and Brush Clearance to be added to the next agenda.

Staff agreed to have a follow up action memo sent out 48 hours after every meeting.

XIII. Statements, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a)

No comments were made.

XIV. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:20p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:



Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved:



Melvin J. Remba
Chair